

MEXICAN BANDITS MURDER TEN MERCHANTS

SLAUGHTER OF CHINESE IS WARNING TO NATIVES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE TAKE CITY AND HOLD BIG PARADE

Mexicans Are Threatened with Death if They Deal with Americans at All.

SOLDIERS RESCUE DEEMER

Mexicans Who Raided American Town Flee When Americans Enter a Village.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 17.—Stories of the murder of ten Chinese merchants at San Antonio, Mex., by bandits believed to have been followers of Villa were brought to the border today by returning truckmen. According to the stories the Chinese had been selling supplies to the Americans and were killed immediately after the withdrawal of the American troops.

Mexicans in the district occupied by the Americans have been warned that they would be killed if they dealt with the Americans and it is believed here that the slaughter of Chinese was intended as a warning to the native population.

WHITE MAN AND NEGRO RESCUED BY SOLDIERS

MARATHON, Tex., May 17.—United States soldiers have rescued Jesse Deemer, the American storekeeper captured by Mexican raiders on Glenn Springs and Boquillas, Tex., according to a man named Terry, who arrived here today.

Terry said the soldiers entered a village 125 miles in Mexico and the bandits rushed out leaving Deemer and a captive negro named Monroe Payne. Payne and Deemer are being brought back to Texas, Terry said.

TROOPS WILL GUARD BRIDGES AND TOWNS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 17.—Three companies of coast artillery were sent from here to Rio Rio today for distribution along the main line of the Southern Pacific to guard bridges and garrison towns. The four remaining companies will take up similar duty as soon as rolling stock has been provided for their transportation.

POSSE IS PURSUING MURDERERS OF HARP

SAN ANGELO, Tex., May 17.—A posse today is pursuing the two Mexicans who on Tuesday killed Jarvis D. Harp, a Crockett county rancher. The horses taken from his ranch were found some distance from his home. It was said that Harp had quarreled with the Mexicans when they stopped at his ranch and that they then shot him.

AMERICAN STOCK FARM RAIDED BY MEXICANS

MERCEDES, Tex., May 17.—Three Mexican bandits raided the stock farm of John P. Sewell, south of here, early today, taking several head of stock and a number of saddles. Soldiers began search for the raiders.

Military telephone lines between here and Donna have been cut several times since Sunday.

AMERICANS ABOARD

Canadian Steamship Eretria When It Is Sunk Presumably by a Mine.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The American consul at La Rochelle, France, today reported to the state department that three American citizens were aboard the Canadian steamship Eretria, which was sunk on Friday, "presumably by a mine."

A dispatch from Consul General Skinner at London yesterday said that the Eretria had been torpedoed. Both despatches agree that the crew was uninjured.

FARMERS TO DISCUSS SOY BEANS SATURDAY

The subjects discussed at the farmers' meeting here Saturday will be "Soy Beans" and the "Cultivation of the Corn Crop." Attention will also be given to any other subjects in which farmers are interested.

The Saturday meetings are held for the purpose of giving every farmer in the county an opportunity to get information. Last Saturday several farmers were present who had never attended a meeting before. Do not forget that you are welcome if you only have a few moments to stay.

Program and General Information of the Knights Templar Conclave

Reception Committee.
Sir Knights from Clarksburg Commandery, with band, will meet all incoming trains and escort visiting commanderies to the general headquarters at the Masonic temple, West Pike street.

Headquarters.
For Sir Knights and ladies, second floor Masonic temple, West Pike street. Refreshments will be served in the Masonic temple during the grand parade from 3 to 4 p. m.

Information Bureau.
At the Masonic temple, West Pike street.

Badges.
Will be furnished ladies of visiting and local Sir Knights.

Automobiles.
Will be at the service of the ladies all day Wednesday except during the grand parade from 3 to 4 p. m.

Street Car Service.
Sir Knights in uniform, and ladies with badges will be given free tickets at information bureau, Masonic temple.

Souvenir Program.
Will be issued at reception of the Grand Commandery at Masonic temple to those holding souvenir tickets.

Grand Commandery Meeting.
First session, Wednesday, 2 o'clock p. m. Addresses, reports, appointments of committees.

Grand Parade.
At 3 p. m. the grand parade will start. For route of march, etc., see official order of Eminent Sir George B. Chorpene, grand marshal.

Grand Commandery Meeting.
Second session, 4:30 p. m.—Election and installation of officers.

Ladies Reception.
A reception will be given for the ladies at 4:30 p. m., immediately after the grand parade, in the club rooms of the Masonic temple.

Reception to the Grand Commandery.
The reception to the Grand Commandery will be held in the club rooms, Masonic temple, beginning at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Grand Ball.
Will be in the auditorium of the Masonic temple immediately after the reception to the Grand Commandery.

Grand Commandery Meeting.
Last session, Thursday, 9 a. m.—Reports of committees, etc.

INJUNCTION AGAINST TRACTION EMPLOYES

Halts Efforts to Organize the Men for the Present at Uniontown, Pa.

UNIONTOWN, May 17.—Efforts to organize the motormen, conductors and power house employees of the West Penn Railways in Fayette county were halted today when the company applied to Judge E. H. Ruppert for an injunction restraining the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employees and its international vice president, J. J. Thorpe, from "interfering" with their employees. Judge Ruppert granted a preliminary injunction and will hear the arguments next Saturday.

W. Fish, vice president of the company, issued a statement in which he frankly said his company did not like labor unions "on account of their dictatorial policy and their interference with the efficiency of employees. The West Penn company began here as a non-union company in non-union territory and we feel determined that our properties shall be operated by non-union men."

The West Penn trolley lines cover the Connellsville coke regions.

BOOSTER CARDS

Are Being Distributed by Two "Hello, Bill" Boys from the Bluefield Lodge of Elks.

C. O. Stahlman manager of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, and Frank B. Rodefer, of Bluefield are in the city attending the Knights Templar conclave. They are also boosting for the Elks' reunion which will be held in Bluefield September 12, 13 and 14, the entertainment features of which will be the greatest ever attempted in the state.

MRS. LACY DEAD

Well Known Colored Woman Passes Away at Her Home on First Street.

Mrs. Lucy Lacy, aged 42 years, colored, died at 3:50 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home, 123 South First street, after a three months' illness of throat disease. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Episcopal church on Ben street. The Rev. J. J. Jenkins will have charge of the services and the burial will be in Greenlawn cemetery.

The deceased woman is survived by Clarence and Charles Lacy, sons; Ellen, Lella and Madeline Lacy, daughters; James Lacy, a brother, and Mrs. Harriet Parker, her grandmother.

GERMANS FAIL

In an Attack with Grenades on French Positions near Dead Man's Hill.

PARIS, May 17.—German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions near Dead Man's hill. The effort failed, the French official report says.

To the east of the Meuse there was continuous cannonading on both sides particularly at Haudremont wood, and Vaux pond.

French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs were thrown on the German camp at Danvillers, and on the railway stations at Metz, Frescati and Briulles.

CRAWFORD FUNERAL

Held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception is Quite Impressive.

Impressive funeral services were held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning over the body of Archie A. Crawford, former captain at the East End fire department. The Rev. Fathers McDermott and McSwiggan officiated. The former delivered a very touching discourse, in which high tribute was paid to the character of the departed man. A large number of relatives and friends attended. The pall bearers were Frank and John Horr, Frank J. Welch, Wilbur Morrison, Peter Dargan and Will Stuck. Interment was at the Holy Cross cemetery.

Tuesday night at a regular meeting of Clarksburg Lodge No. 482, of the Benevolent Order of Elks, Dr. John S. Stone delivered a fitting eulogy in memory of Mr. Crawford. He spoke feelingly of how faithfully and well the departed Elk had carried out the great principles of the order—charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

MORGAN FUNERAL

Services Will Be Held at the Home at 1 o'clock Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of David F. Morgan, aged 81 years, a well known and prominent farmer and stockman, who died Tuesday morning at his home near Mt. Clare following an illness of Bright's disease will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Protestant church at Mt. Clare. The Rev. Mr. Satterfield will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Van Horn cemetery at Lost Creek.

Mr. Morgan is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Sidney Miley, Mrs. Presley Miley and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, all residents of Harrison county.

SHETTER STRONG FOR LEGISLATURE



Fred E. Shetter.

Fred E. Shetter, whose picture is given herewith, is a Republican candidate for the House of Delegates. He is not as well known throughout the county as some of the other candidates but his supporters are among the most influential men of the several districts.

Mr. Shetter is a resident of Union district, is married and has a family. He is connected with the oil business as a gauger and was, until the death of his partner, Clark Gaston, a merchant at Mineral.

Mr. Shetter is a man of wide general education; a keen student of state and county affairs; interested warmly in educational matters; favors careful legislation that will promote the widest possible economical development of our natural resources; improvement of stock raising through better breeding; continued and greater help to the splendid efforts that are being made for the wider agricultural development of our state, and good roads of a kind, and financed in a way, that is satisfactory to the people who pay the bills.

At the time of his birth, which occurred 42 years ago, his parents resided in Hancock county in the northern panhandle where his paternal grandfather had established a manufacturing plant and foundry shortly after the Mexican war. From this same county, also, Mr. Shetter's father, Egbert P. Shetter, enlisted at the beginning of the Civil war in the First Regiment of West Virginia volunteers. Old soldiers will recall that remnants of the First and Fourth regiments were joined together to form a new Second Regiment. Of this latter regiment the father was an officer at the muster out in 1865.

Mr. Shetter's friends seem to think that he would make a most satisfactory representative even though he has the old-fashioned notion that a hired-man is still a hired-man whether his job is helping to make laws or helping to dig potatoes.

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO POPE'S MESSAGE

Exchange of Notes is Said to Bear Only Remotely on the Subject of Peace.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson has replied to the message sent him recently by Pope Benedict in which the pope expressed the earnest hope that war between the United States and Germany would not be precipitated by the submarine issue and conveyed the impression that he hoped the United States might be of assistance ultimately in restoring peace to Europe. The reply of the president was conveyed through Monsignor Bonzano, the apostolic delegate here, who delivered the pope's message at the White House.

White House officials refused today to discuss the pope's message or the reply of the president, but in other quarters it was indicated that the exchange of messages had only remotely to do with the question of peace in Europe.

The president is understood to have informed the pope that he was very glad to keep the United States out of war and would do everything possible, consistent with maintaining the honor and rights of the United States. Neither message will be made public.

At the White House it was said that nothing was known of the mission to this country of Secretary Grew, of the American embassy in Berlin, who is now on his way to the United States. It has been suggested that possibly he might be bringing a message from Emperor William to President Wilson.

BRIDEGROOM MISSING

Mysteriously Vanishes with His Automobile and a Medicine Case.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 17.—Detectives conducted a vigorous search today for Dr. Freeman Stanlauer O'Brien, a graduate of the University of Michigan, who mysteriously vanished with his automobile and medicine case on the eve of his wedding this afternoon to Miss Agnes Olive Timmins, daughter of a wealthy retired shoe merchant of this city. The belief is expressed that Dr. O'Brien had been robbed.

A BEER SALOON.

WHEELING, May 17.—Third street, North Wheeling, isn't very long. Therefore, it isn't a very hard matter to locate a place on that thoroughfare. However, out near the western terminus of the street is said to exist a very prosperous speakeasy. According to report, beer not whiskey, is the principal stock in trade. The place is said to be fully protected from federal molestation by a government license and so far has been free from being bothered by the police.

First Session of Annual Grand Conclave is Held in the Local Temple.

MORE THAN 3,000 ARE HERE

Increase of 233 Members is Reported Since the Last Session.

Knights Templar of West Virginia and their wives numbering 3,000 or more had full possession of the city Wednesday afternoon for the forty-second annual conclave of the West Virginia Grand Commandery, the first session of which began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Masonic temple on West Pike street.

Several special railroad and trolley trains brought visiting delegates here at the noon hour. The Wheeling and Sistersville commanderies each accompanied by a band arrived here on a special train over the Short Line railroad at 12:15 p. m. A special train brought Parkersburg and other commanderies with bands from Parkersburg at noon. Weston commandery, accompanied by a band, came in aboard a special trolley car at 1:30 p. m. and the Fairmont commandery arrived at 11 a. m. on a special trolley train. The Charleston knights were the first to arrive. They came aboard a special Pullman coach attached to train No. four Tuesday night. Delegations from other commanderies arrived on various other trains.

A Brief Session.
The opening session of the grand conclave was brief. Welcoming addresses were made, the annual address of the eminent grand commander, Luther H. Clark, of Kyle, was delivered, conclave committees were named and formal reports were submitted for later action.

The big feature of today, however, is the grand street parade of uniformed Templars, which formed at 2:30 o'clock, the assembling points of the twenty-one commanderies being at the following places:

Assembling Points.
No. 1—East side of Chestnut street, left resting on Main street.
No. 2—West side of Chestnut street, right resting on Main street.
No. 3—East side of Chestnut street, left resting on Pike street.
No. 4—West side of Chestnut street, left resting on Pike street.
No. 5—South side of Pike street, right resting on Commandery No. 7.
No. 6—North side of Pike street, left resting on Commandery No. 8.
No. 7—South side of Pike street, right resting on Chestnut street.
No. 8—North side of Pike street, left resting on Chestnut street.
No. 9—West side of Chestnut street, left resting on Locust street.
No. 10—East side of Chestnut street, right resting on Locust street.
No. 11—West side of Chestnut street, right resting on Pike street.
No. 12—East side of Chestnut street, left resting on Pike street.
No. 13—North side of Pike street, right resting on Chestnut street.
No. 14—South side of Pike street, left resting on Chestnut street.
No. 15—North side of Pike street, right resting on Commandery No. 13.
No. 16—South side of Pike street, left resting on Commandery No. 14.
No. 17—North side of Pike street, right resting on Commandery No. 15.
No. 18—South side of Pike street, left resting on Commandery No. 16.
No. 19—North side of Pike street, right resting on Commandery No. 17.
No. 20—South side of Pike street, left resting on Commandery No. 18.
No. 21—North side of Pike street, right resting on Commandery No. 19.

Line of March.
The line of march was as follows, the reviewing stand being situated in the plaza in front of the court house with the grand commandery officers as the reviews:

Starting on Pike street at intersection with Chestnut, thence east on Pike street to Oak street, south on Oak street to Main street, west on Main street passing reviewing stand at court house, to Fourth street, where bands and standards will continue west on Main. Commanderies marching north on Fourth to Pike thence west on Pike to Chestnut, south on Chestnut to Main, east on Main in columns of twelve following bands and standards massed, passing reviewing stand at court house on to Second street and disband.

Order of Formation.
The following order of formation was observed:
Chief of police and aides.
Grand marshal.
Chief of staff.
Officers of grand commandery in autos.
Commanderies in order of seniority.

Officers and Aides.
The officers and their aides of the grand parade were as follows:
Eminent Sir Knight George B. Chorpene—Grand marshal.
Sir Knight G. C. Finly—Chief of staff.

Sir Knight John E. Bittner—Aide.
Eminent Sir Knight Joseph E. Robins—Aide.

Eminent Sir Knight Thomas W. Arnett—Aide.

Sir Knight John S. Mitchell—Aide.

Eminent Sir Knight J. F. Hauer—Aide.

Sir Knight Edmund L. Sawyer—

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Sir Knight Henry A. Davidson—Aide.
Sir Knight George W. Wilson—Aide.

Officers A. J. Here.

All the officers of the Grand Commandery have arrived in the city for the conclave. They are as follows:
Luther Hale Clark, of Kyle, grand commander.

Luther W. Blaney, of Charles Town, grand generalissimo.
Ed. R. Patton, of Parkersburg, grand captain general.

Charles A. Sinsel, of Grafton, grand senior warden.
C. C. Dusenberry, of Huntington, grand junior warden.

A. C. Nadenbousch, of Martinsburg, grand prelate.
J. S. Vandervort, of Weston, grand treasurer.

Francis E. Nicholas, of Fairmont, grand treasurer.

Frank W. VanHorn, of Martinsburg, grand standard bearer.

Scott C. Lowe, of Fairmont, grand sword bearer.

Benjamin A. Caruthers, of Charleston, grand warden.

William H. Wade, of Bluefield, grand captain of guard.

New Commanderies.
Two new commanderies are expected to be added at this conclave. One of them is Mount Hope commandery, of Mount Hope, Fayette county, which arrived in the city Wednesday morning. It was recently organized with a dispensation with seventy members and forty-six members have since been added. A regular charter will likely be granted it by the grand commandery.

Another new commandery that will likely get a charter is Damasens commandery, of Keyser, recently formed under a special dispensation with fifteen members. It has met but has not been organized for work.

There were 4,089 Knights Templar in West Virginia at the close of the last annual grand conclave, and increase of 185 over the preceding year, but a larger increase will be recorded this year, owing to the addition of new commanderies and gains in membership by old commanderies. Clarksburg commandery No. 13 made a gain of forty-four members during the last year. Francis E. Nichols, grand recorder, reported Wednesday that the total increase since the last conclave has been 233, bringing the total membership up to more than 4,300.

Second Session.
A second session of the grand commandery was scheduled for 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the lodge room of the Masonic temple, at which officers were to be elected and installed. Owing to press of business, however, the election and installation may be postponed by the eminent grand commander until Thursday morning.

Committees.
The following committees have charge of the different arrangements for the conclave:

Executive committee—Sir: G. Harry Gordon, Sir: G. C. Finly, Sir: Morgan Parsons and Sir: James N. Hess, secretary-treasurer.

Refreshment committee—Sir: Harry C. Hoffman, Sir: A. L. Roberts and Sir: Charles D. Johnston.

Reception committee—Sir: H. L. Cunningham, Sir: L. G. Lockwood, Sir: W. T. Merriman, Sir: J. S. Flanagan, Sir: L. K. Richards, Sir: J. R. Andrews, Sir: J. S. Maloy, Sir: B. L. Duty, Sir: William A. Carpenter, Sir: W. B. Holden, Sir: O. D. Barnes, Sir: A. J. Watson, Sir: Howard Robinson, Sir: B. H. Post, Sir: W. Lee Williams and Sir: Oscar C. Witt.

Ladies reception committee—Mrs. D. W. Jacobs, Mrs. Charles W. Farber, Mrs. B. F. Matheny, Mrs. R. A. Hayes, Mrs. I. Wade Coffman, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. T. H. Williams, Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mrs. W. W. Showalter, Mrs. Charles S. Smiley, Mrs. L. K. Richards and Mrs. George P. Linger.

Program committee—Sir: Arthur Parsons, Sir: F. E. Delbridge, Sir: J. S. Flanagan, Sir: H. E. Ketterling and Sir: W. T. Merriman.

Finance committee—Sir: Charles W. Farber, Sir: James N. Hess, Sir: Howard L. Cunningham and Sir: Frederick E. Delbridge.

Hotel committee—Sir: Morgan Parsons, Sir: George P. Linger and Sir: Norton S. Longbaugh.

Automobile committee—Sir: G. Harry Gordon, Sir: A. M. T. Cunningham, Sir: D. W. Jacobs, Sir: A. Fred Wagner and Sir: John E. Stealey.

Parade committee—Sir: George B. Chorpene, grand marshal; Sir: J. M. Crouch, Sir: J. Hornor Davis and Sir: G. C. Finly.

Press committee—Sir: I. Wade Coffman, Sir: Virgil L. Highland and Sir: J. Hornor Davis.

Ball committee—Sir: H. A. Russell, Sir: William H. Leeman, Sir: N. S. Longbaugh and Sir: Edward W. Laubenstein.

Drill Committee—Sir: Bruce Stout, Sir: J. M. Crouch and Sir: J. Hornor Davis.

SUTTON MAN RECOVERS.

Ira Debar, a well-known farmer, of Sutton who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Kessler hospital, was able to be removed to his home Wednesday.